would serve a great public convenience if the Chief Court would publish, for the guidance of the Magistrates throughout the country, a selection of rulings which after full consideration it believes to be the correct interpretation of Act XIII of 1859.

Dewan's reply.—Mr. Elliot was informed yesterday that Government would give its best consideration to the proposed Laborer's Advances Act. The Chief Court were requested (as promised last year) to prepare a set of instructions for the guidance of Magistrates in administering the Act and no doubt these instructions will soon be issued. There will be no difficulty in a collection being made and issued of the rulings of all the High Courts in British India and the Chief Court in Mysore, on Act XIII of 1859.

Subject No. 15.

Extradition and reciprocity in Execution of Criminal Processes under Act XIII of 1859.

Summary of Discussion.—With regard to reciprocity in cases arising under Act XIII of 1859, the Planters of Southern India have included this in their petition to the Government of India regarding Act XIII of 1859, and if the reply be unfavorable, the Planters intend petitioning the Secretary of State at the India Office. They would be glad to hear what reply the Darbar has received to the last representation which the Dewan last year said would be made by the Darbar.

Dewan's reply.—The Darbar have not yet been informed of the decision of the Government of India on this subject and occasion has since been taken to press the question on the favorable consideration of the Supreme Government.

Subject No. 16.

Cattle Trespass Act.

Summary of Discussion.—The new Cattle Trespass Act was brought into force in British India in August last, and the Planters of Mysore are anxiously looking for its adoption in Mysore. Mr. C. Srinivas Rao (Representative from Chikmagalur Municipality) submitted that while a new Act on Cattle Trespass was being framed, attention should be paid to the fact that increase of pounds is a great nuisance. A Planter is often allowed to keep a pound for his estate. It is seldom that the proprietor lives on the estate and in most cases it is the Agent or Manager who resides on the estate and keeps the pound and often impounds cattle not because they trespassed, but from motives of revenge. There is great oppression of poor raiyats in consequence.

Mr. F. Petrie Hay (Representative from Hunsur Taluk, Mysore District) also spoke on the same subject later on, pointing out that the Cattle Trespass Act was for the benefit of the cultivating raiyat and as such, should be introduced into Mysore early. There are a number of people who keep cattle without a single square yard of grazing ground for them and who turn their cattle out every morning to graze at their sweet will and pleasure wherever there is any grass to graze. The fines for trespass by such cattle should be heavier than in the cases of those persons who own grazing grounds and whose cattle stray accidentally.

Dewan's reply.—The subject is under consideration of Government in the Legislative Department. It has been brought to the notice of Government that cattle trespass fines and cattle pound receipts are unduly heavy in some parts (the Kadur District for instance) more than in others. The statistics and their significance will also require examination.

Subject No. 17.

Coffee Stealing Prevention Act.

Summary of Discussion.—The Coffee Stealing Prevention Act, as pointed out by Mr. Brett last year is ample, were its provisions systematically carried out by the Police. Planters endeavoured to stimulate the action of the Police last season by offering rewards, for conviction, but little good has resulted. Planters therefore ask that orders may be issued to the Police in the Coffee Districts for enforcing more rigorously the provisions of this Act. Special emphasis being given to those sections of the Act which empower the Police to demand the production of accounts from shop-keepers and others suspected of receiving stolen coffee. The Planters' Association would also draw attention to the inadequacy of the sentences sometimes awarded. The Act is all that can be desired. Only the Police and Magistracy should work it properly. The Deputy Commissioner Colonel Campbell observed that the Act was in itself adequate and there was no complaint on that score. The offers of reward made by the Association have had a good effect. Only the rewards should be more promptly paid. Every year about crop time, a circular is issued drawing the attention of the Police to the provisions of the Act, and stimulating their exertions under it. This we shall continue to do, and it may be hoped that there will be no room for complaint in the future.

Dewan's reply.—That is sufficient and all that need be done. The attention of the Inspector General of Police and of Magistrates generally will be drawn to the remarks now submitted in regard to the working of this Act.

Subject No. 18.

Roads in the Coffee District.

Summary of Discussion.—The request of Planters at last year's Assembly was not, as would appear from the Proceedings, that all District Local Fund Roads should be metalled. This would indeed in many cases be a waste of money. It rather was that the necessary repairs should be carried out at the right time. What is required is more supervision when the work would be economically carried out. Colonel Bowen advocated the appointment of a special subordinate officer exclusively for roads, and the Planters' Association specially wish to insist on the necessity for this. Colonel Bowen is reported to have said that "the traffic in recent years has assumed enormous proportions, and was now much heavier than this class of roads was ever intended to carry". This surely conveys with it, the obvious admission that the roads are not all they should be, as some, among many others require immediate attention. Examples of this are, the roads from Yedahalli to Shimoga, and from Yedahalli to Lakkavalli, and